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SUBJECT: MEXICAN DECISION NOT TO SEND TROOPS TO UNIFIL

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1. EMBOFFS CONVERSATION WITH IO DIRECTOR IN CHIEF
GONZALEZ GALVEZ TOOK PLACE LATE AFTERNOON APRIL 7, PRIOR
RECEIPT REFTEL, INSTRUCTING US TO EXPRESS US DISAPPOINT-
MENT REGARDING MEXICAN DECISION.

2. AMBASSADOR GONZALEZ GALVEZ DISPARAGED PRESS STATEMENTS
HERE THAT DECISION BASED ON TRADITIONAL MEXICAN FOREIGN
POLICY PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERVENTION, POINTING OUT NO ONE
COULD REASONABLY CHARGE INTERVENTION WHEN LEBANON HAD RE-
QUESTED UN PEACE-KEEPING CONTINGENT. HE SAID MEXICAN
TROOPS WERE "NOT PREPARED" ADEQUATELY FOR KIND OF SERVICE
ENTAILED IN THIS MISSION. HE ADDED THAT SECURITY COUNCIL
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RESOLUTION WAS EXCESSIVELY VAGUE, AND REFERRED TO DILEMMA
THAT FACED NORWEGIAN CONTINGENT IN ITS APRIL 7 CONFRON-
TATION WITH PALESTINIAN GUERRILLAS, IN WHICH, AS HE
INTERPRETED IT, IMPRECISION OF INSTRUCTIONS MADE IT DIF-
FICULT FOR NORWEGIANS TO KNOW HOW TO REACT. DESPITE FACT
MEXICO SUPPORTED UN PEACE-KEEPING ACTION IN PRINCIPLE,
AMBASSADOR GONZALEZ GALVEZ APPEARED RELIEVED THAT GOM

WOULD NOW NOT HAVE TO FACE THE PROBLEMS THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN PROVIDING TROOP CONTINGENT, STATING THAT AT THIS TIME MEXICO DID NOT NEED THE KIND OF INTERNAL POLITICAL CONTROVERSY THAT PROVISION OF A PEACE-KEEPING FORCE WOULD HAVE CREATED. UNDERLYING HIS STATEMENTS WAS THE IMPLICATION THAT FOREIGN RELATIONS HAD RECOMMENDED AGAINST THE ACTION, AND THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD AGREED.

3. HE SAID THAT GOM HAD NEVER IN THE PAST PROVIDED A PEACEKEEPING FORCE, BUT HAD, MANY YEARS AGO, SENT MILITARY OBSERVERS DURING THE KASHMIR CRISIS.

4. AMBASSADOR WILL CONVEY TO FOREIGN SECRETARY ROEL AT THEIR NEXT MEETING (ROEL IS PRESENTLY ON MISSION IN QUITO) US DISAPPOINTMENT OVER MEXICAN DECISION NOT TO PROVIDE TROOP CONTINGENT. LUCEY

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